# The Best Way to Pop the Question. ASherlock Holmes The \$ 5ign \$ of \$ the \$ Four.

\$25 in Prizes.

Address all letters on this subject to Margaret Hubbard Ayer. Even

great meaning.

refuse.

Dear Miss Ayer:

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from a Woman on the Least Em-

barrassing Way for a Girl to Pop

the Question During Leap Year

An Old Mald's Plan.

The Only One for Her.

"I Cannot Marry You, Dear."

personal. I assure you, for, if anything.
I am unworthy of you."
C. H.

Offer to Break Wood.

answer will be "yes." SALLY DOE.

Declined Because of Liquor.

L. H. R.

KATIE HARTLEY.



### BY MARGARET HUBBARD AYER

THAT lovers are still "well read in poetry and other books" is easily sides, every one knows of poetic license, and why should leap year license and poetic license not go hand in hand?

Then, again, in prose you are supposed to state plainly what you think; you can't do that in poetry, it never would rhyme. So you wreath your idea about with words and extra syllables. and at the end it's ten to one you don't recognize your original thought at all. Probably no one else ever will recog nize it either. So if your powers of persuasion are great, you can turn and twist your poetic effusion about until it means anything that suits your fancy. The possibilities are limitless. Poetry and popping the question seem to go

But, please, dear Evening World readers don't send all your contest letters in rhyme.

Taking It Seriously.

Dear Miss Ayer:

THINK the proper way is for a young lady to say to a young man:

"You are always popping corh; why not pop the question?" naturally hand-in-hand.

# Dear Miss Ayer:

SHOULD propose as follows: "Miss would like to ask you for your hand in marriage."

E. N. J., Peekskill, N. v. Peekskill, N. B, I have a very serious question to

A Long Time Between Chances. Dear Miss Ayer: O pop the question on Jan. 1, 1904, one of the simplest ways is for a girl to say: "Are there any chances Yor me this leap year?" It being the only one in four years, I hope I will question is in the following manner:

get a chance at popping this question. VERY ANXIOUS.

Pear Miss Ayer:

REFERRING to "How to Pop the Question Most Convincion" Question Most Convincingly," please consider this: "Well, dear, what shall we do-elope or marry in secret? Or shall we announce the encide." CHARLES HUTCHESON.

Shortening the Alphabet.

ad ful young man could be brought

If you wish advice concerning

new gowns or the making-over of

old ones, if you wish advice concern-

ing home dressmaking, write to

"Mme. Judice, Evening World, Pulit-

she will give it to you in this column.

to show. The shoulder valance and

collar. The wide girdle of the dress

material, the elbow puffed sleeve and

the double-plaited skirt are quite the

Dear Mme. Judice:

W OULD an Eton jacket of inclosed sample be stylish? Please

and short.

S. S. O.

I would not advise you to make an

Eton jacket from your voile for two very good reasons, viz: The light-weight

sample be stylish? Please state

8. S. O.

newest features of this season.

MARIE M.

For Evening Wear-

# A. Conan Doyle. arms and stamped his feet in a k

\$10 FO: THE BEST LETTER

#### CHAPTER I. A Mysterious Crime.

S Sherlock Holmes and I sat in our from a Man Giving Directions How She was an extremely pretty girl, and, to Pop the Question Most Con. after introducing herself as Miss Mary

Morstan, told us a strange story. Her father, Capt. Morstan, had returned to nt seen the captain on his return. Four the while, but addressing them to himyears later Miss Morstan had received self rather than to me. "Window is lens discloses more than one mood- the rafters, with thin lath and plaster

that is by the simple little riddle; "When will the alphabet be shortened?" He will, of course, "give it up." and the The day she visited us an anonymous will, of course, "give it up," and the young lady can strike him very easily with the answer: "When U and I are at a certain address that night. She asked! one." If his wits are with him he can Holmes's advice and it was decided that Holmes's advice and it was decided that embrace the opportunity without delay. we should accompany her on the visit. It seems to me this way of "popping the She also showed us a paper found

question" is very simple, but has a smong her father's effects. It was a great meaning.

L. M. C. chart of some sort of building, and in one corner was written "The sign of the four," toge her with the following rhymed proposals coming daily in this contest. A bright girl fashions a rhyme to tell her love and probably thinks she is shielding her native timidity behind the metrical lines. Poetry is so much more of a verbal screen than prose. Be-

a silk dress, but I have an idea he won't stan's friend. Eminary hesitation, he told us the fol- perfect picture of the subject of illus-

THE best and least embarrassing way to pop the question is just to say "Now that the opportion to a quarter million pounds sterling weak."

My matter, Major Shorto, and Capt. There will be six pictures in the series, which will end Saturday, Jan. 2—treasure in India, amounting in value one picture appearing each day this to a quarter million pounds sterling weak. to say "Now that the opportunity is efforted me to ask that important question, I joyfully do so, as I to England. When Capt. Morstan follows the dots in the dotted space that is prohid the body. He then concealed the treasure, but did not tell my twim brother Bartholomew and myself its whereabouts. Four years later, as he lay dying he commanded us to divide the treasure equally with Morstan's daughter—yourself, Miss Morstan. But, just as he was about to reveal the whereabouts of this treasure, he chanced to giance at the window and, with a to glance at the window and, with a The pin-light pictures must be

EASE consider this as a delicate to giance at the whole the constant of the constant way of refusing an offer: "I canway of refusing an offer: "I canshrick of horror, fell back dead. We larger than the original pictures;
and they should be as large as the ond saw, pressed against the glass, a dotted space will permit them to norrible, white, hairy face. My father be. had always had a horror of being pursued by a mysterious man with a wooden leg. Perhaps this was the man.
"We searched for the treasure for years, Bartholomew and I. Each year I sent Miss Morstan a pearl from a tiara

THINK the simplest way to pop the When Miss Doe asks you to do any-thing for her-break wood, for instance found the chest containing the treasure -eagerly ask her if she will let you in a sealed attic room in our house at break it for her always. I am sure her Norwood. We had it lowered into Bartholomew's room through a hole in the roof. My brother and I quarrelied fiercely over the promise to divide it with Miss Morstan. So I came here and HIS is how I would refuse: In reply to your proposition of the —th ply to your proposition of the -th sent her that note. And now let us all instant in reference to my consent go at once to Norwood and persuade in the state to say that he who indulges in him to give her her fair share."

use of liquors seldom reforms to be a We set out in a cab for Norwood. When we arrived there we found the house in some confusion. Bartholomew Sholto, the servants told us, had not come out of his room since his brother's visit of the preceding night. We knocked in vain at his door and

at last smashed the stout boit that se-

The room was fitted up as a laboratory and the pungent odor of creosote broken carboy filled the air. A

clearly been dead many hours. It seemed ashed on with coarse twine. Beside i some words scrawled upon it. Holmes glanced at it and then handed it to me.

In the light of the lantern I read with a thrill of horror: "The sign of the "In God's name, what does it all

like a long, dark thorn stuck in the

"It is the wooden-legged man whom
"It is the wooden-legged man whom
"It is a thorn. You may pick it out.
But be careful, for it is poisoned."
I took it up between my finger and thumb. It came away from the skin so readily that hardly any mark was left behind. One tiny speck of blood showed where the puncture had been.

"This is all an insoluble mystery to my instance of the moor, answered. "I have already considered that possibility."
"Guite so. But there has been some that possibility."
"Guite so. But there has been some that wall, doctor?"
I looked out of the open window, said, shaking his head. "How often have already considered that possibility."
"You will not apply my precept." he will not apply my precept." he said to you that when you have elimit to said, shaking his head. "How often have already considered that possibility."

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connected case." We had almost forgotten our companion's presence since we entered the chamber. He was still standing in the doorway, the very picture of terror. wrenging his hands and mouning to NEW AMSTERDAM Theatre, B'way, 42d St. himself. Suddenly, however, he broke Eygs at 8. Mais. MOTHER GOOSE

"The treasure is gone!" he said. "They

sholto," said Holmes kindly, putting his swered. hand upon his shoulder. "Take my advice and drive down to the station and had a friend up here who lowered you "He came through the hole in the

"You have no reason to fear, Mr. "It is absolutely impossible," I an- been concealed in the room, as there

report the matter to the police. Offer this good stout rope which I see in the to assist them in every way. We shall corner, securing one end of it to this walt here until you return."

this good stout rope which I see in the corner, it is good stout rope which I see in the corner, securing one end of it to this great book in the wall. Then, I think, so, If you will have the kindness to wait here uniti you return."

great book in the wall. Then, I think, so, If you will have the kindness to hold the lamp for me, we shall now ex-\$10 FOR THE BEST LETTER A study in the old Baker street house. a visitor was announced.

\$10 FOR THE BEST LETTER A study in the old Baker street house. Study i "Now, Watson," said Holmes, rubbins and your ally would draw up the tope, his hands, "we have half an hour to untie it from the hook, shut the winpurselves. Now to work! In the first dow, saib it on the inside, and get away tafter with either hand, swung his \$5 FOR THE BEST LETTER

London from India ten years before. On the day of his return he had disap
from Man or Woman on the state

London from India ten years before. On the day of his return he had disap
did they go? The door has not been a minor point it may be noted," he conon his face, he reached down for the

from Man or Woman on the Most

Delicate Way of Refusing an Offer

of Marriage

On the day of his return he had disappeared. No trace had been found of him.

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opened since last night. How of the down for the tinued. Singering the rope, "that our lamp and held it while I followed him.

The chamber in which we found ourselved to it, muttering his observations about sholto, of Norwood, who declared he had to it, muttering his observations aloud climber, was not a professional sailor. selves was about ten feet one way and

# \$200-NEW YEAR'S WEEK PRIZES-\$200.

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	100 Prizes in all\$200	)
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	10 Prizes, each	2
	43 Prizes, each	ı
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THIS is the first of The Evening privilege to propose. Would you like the idea of you and me getting married?" If he refuses he has to give me Major Sholto, who had been Capt. Mor-World's pin-light pictures, for which \$200 in prizes are offered. cause when made and held to the light He was nervous, but, after much pre- they show in illuminated outlines a tration.

. There will be six pictures in the

portant question, I joyfully do so, as I to England. When Capt. Morstan followed they had a quarrel over the distribution of the jewels and gold, and to make life happy and the only one for me."

A READER.

It to England. When Capt. Morstan followed the distribution of the jewels and gold, and the distribution of the jewels and gold, and the distribution of the jewels and gold, and the distribution of the small picture for me."

Capt. Morstan fell dead from apoplexy.

Fearing lest he be suspected of murder, Building, the home of The Evening and the distribution of the product of the dots in the dotted space that is provided here a copy of the small picture.

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Building, the home of the small picture.

Building, the home of The Evening and the dots in the do Pop Corn and Pop the Question. my father, aided by his Hindoo servant. World. The pin-light picture must be

Please be careful to follow this in-Also, please remember that the pin-



PULITZER BUILDING.

six in one envelope. Another thing, do not cut the pin- When cutting them out of the paper Editor, Evening World, P. O. Box 233, light plotures and the original apart, do not out along the line dividing them, New York City."

fastened on the inner side. Framework mark, especially toward the end of the between them, so that in walking one quite out of reach. Yet a man has mounted by the window. It rained a little last night. Here is the print of a foot in the mould upon the sill. And than ever. How about this mysterious of years lay thick upon the floor. here is a circular muddy mark, and here again upon the floor, and here again upon the floor, and here again by the table. See here, Watson! sively. "There are features of interest the sloping wall, "This is a trapdoor This is really a very pretty demonstra-

the regions of the commonplace. I fancy press it back, and here is the roof itself, that this ally breaks fresh ground in the sloping at a gentle angle. This, then, muddy disks. "This is not a foot-mark," said I.

This is not a foot-parallel cases suggest themselves from the way by which Number One en-tered. Let us see if we can find some

"It is something more valuable to us. India, and, if my memory serves me, other traces of his individuality. Here It is the impression of a wooden from Senegambia."
stump. You see here on the sill is the "How came he, ta boot mark, a heavy boot with a broad "The door is locked, the window is in- sote. I know of a dog that can follow Look here!" He pointed to what tooked metal heel, and beside it is the mark of the timber-toe." "It is the wooden-legged man whom

where I would, I could see no foothold, We know that he did not come through Special Notices

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"How came he, then?" I reiterated. Number One stepped in the spilled oreo

"The grate is much too small," he He held down the lamp to the floor

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e servant question for one thing. This has been made a toke of so long that it is perfectly in keeping with the LETTERS: LETTERS! purposes of our great institution, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Humor, to place the servant question

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By Prof. Josh M. A. Long.

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the best servant girl. The rules of the contest are these: 1. The girl must come to Prof. Josh M. A. Long and give her services in cooking, washing, ironing, cleaning, caring for the children, tending to the furnace, sweeping, dusting, baking and otherwise make herself generally useful for one month. At the end of that time another contestant will be given a trial. After twelve carefully selected candidates are tried, the prize of five dollars (\$5) will be awarded to the best and most cheerful worker. In case there is a tie the best girls will be permitted to stay another month each to get on the other side."

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THERE are other problems besides | and often before the boodlers and graft the burning one of "What Shall ers, the Old Dr. Lemonosky-Officer Jerry We Do with the Old Jokes?" There Sullivan element, may swamp us with for Prof. Josh M. A. Long and reform!

> For Release. Prof. Josh M. A. Long:
> Please liberate the following old-times:

ONE OF THE WILTED. No. 51 Mercer street, Jersey City.

Prof. Josh M. A. Long: When Eve tempted Adam why did he

Because it was eve and he was weak and tired (after his day's work). Could there be any older joke? The oldest reader of The Evening and

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Ann was eighteen years old.

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cuperate. Yours truly,
J. PIERPONT ROCKCHILD.

We Don't Care Adam.

so many years, and want to get rid et. It is this: How old is Adam? MARY KENT.

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### material is not suited for a coat at this would not cut to good advantage-in an Eton pattern-as it has not space

zer Building, New York City," and Dear Mme. Judice: INDLY suggest a dress suitable for wear. I inclose sample of my material. I also have five yards of face seven inches wide, five yards of face edging and crepe de chine. I would like to use same. Bust measure 38 inches, waist 24 inches, skirt 43 inches. Your golden-brown crepe de Chine and eream medallion-design lace will make up beautifully, like the flustration. The skirt is double box-plaited and set below a pointed hip yoke of pin-tucked crepe. the hodice and lower sleeve also being of your lace and place the medallions like the design onto the tucked part and

left plain and edged either with your narrow edging or a bias fold of the crepe de Chine, with French knots of CREPE DE CHINE EVENING self-toned silk. This same band is used

how to trim saue. I am stout A Bedspread Gown-Dear Mme. Judice:

Eton pattern—as it has not space show the design in the material.

A Checked Woollen Waist.

Dear Mine. Judice:

The Year South the shams for the sleeves of the skirt you could use the shams for the sleeves of the spread for the bodice, using the balance for a walst. It will be simply impossible to make any kind of gown out of a bedspread good as I came downstairs."

What time was that?"

"What time was that?"

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"What time was that?"

"It was 10 o'clock. And now he is and a small portion of the spread for the bodice, using the balance for a full shall be suspected of having had a hand in it. Oh, yes, I am sure I the bodice, using the balance for a full sleeves could be of the chiffon and angular level will sleeves could be of the chiffon and angular level will sleeves of the chiffon and angular level will be suspected on having had a hand in it. Oh, yes, I am sure I had be suspected of having had a hand in it. Oh, yes, I am sure I had be suspected of having had a hand in it. Oh, yes, I am sure I had be suspected of having had a hand in it. Oh, yes, I am sure I had be suspected of having had a hand in it. Oh, yes, I am sure I had be suspected of having had a hand in it. Oh, yes, I am sure I had be suspected of having had a hand in it. Oh, yes, I am sure I had be suspected of having had a hand in it. Oh, yes, I am sure I had be suspected of having had a hand in it. Oh, yes, I am sure I had be suspected of having had a hand in it. Oh, yes, I am sure I had be suspected of having had a hand in it. Oh, yes, I am sure I had be suspected of having had a hand in it. Oh, yes, I am sure I had be suspected of having had a hand in it. Oh, yes, I am sure I had be suspected of having had a hand in it. Oh, yes, I am sure I had be suspected of having had a hand in it. Oh, yes, I am sure I had be suspected of having had a hand in it. Oh, yes, I am sure I had be suspected of having had a hand in it. Oh, yes, I am sure I had be suspected of having had a hand in it. Oh, yes, I am sure I had be suspected of hav

cut out from beneath to permit your

elbow portion of the sleeve is the lace

it will have a bulky look. A pretty

what trimming would make a striking have robbed him of the treasure! There material is not suited for a coat at this time of the year and the large zibeline effect? I am very thin, and therefore is the hole through which we lowered would not want it decollete, but with a till I helped frim to do it! I was the last transparent yoke. Mrs. K. F. person who saw him! I left him here person who saw him! I left him here last night, and I heard him lock the

BY MME. JUDICE

changeable blue and brown silk lining

cautious and prudent husband, therefore I must decline your invitation, be-Mrs. HARRIETT M. The Home Dressmaker 3

J. M., Patchogue, L. I.

I would not advise shirring on your

idea is to have inverted box plaits as a deep yoke on the front of the walst and upper portion and cuff effect on the sleeves, pressed flat and caught gether with briar stitching in black or white rope silk thread. This is sim-ple but pretty on any wool shirt waist.

Dear sime. Jource:

| Own can an antique spread and shams | be used for an evening gown.) if | possible, without cutting it? Also | "The treasure is gone!" he said

stitch, if you think it appropriate.

to outline the hip yoke and top of the GOWN DESIGNED FOR MARIE M.

like some shirring and perhaps briar

brectly under a hole that had been knocked in the ceiling. At the foot of Bartholomew Sholto, the master of the Bartholomew Sholto, the master of the series and them until the by day. You should keep them until the by day and them series is complete and them until the best rets of pin-light pictures by day. You should keep them until the bulligar Building in to-day's paper will receive the big prizes. To the 100 house, was seated all in a heap, with series is complete and then send in all and the dotted space alongside of it best sets the 100 prizes will be awarded his head sunk upon his left shoulder and ghastly, inscrutable smile upon his face. He was stiff and cold and had to me that not only his features, but all his limbs, were twisted and turned is solid. No hinges at the side. Let us rope, from which I gather that he had to step from beam to beam. The in the most fantastic fashion. By his open it. No water pipe near. Roof slipped down with such velocity that he roof ran hand upon the table there lay a peculiar instrument-a brown, close-grained stick, with a stone head, like a hammer, rudely was a torn sheet of notepaper with

"You see." he said, with a significant raising of the eyebrows.

mean?" I asked. "It means murder," said he, stooping

skin just above the ear.
"It looks like a thorn," said I.

"This is all an insoluble mystery to me," said I. "It grows darker instead "On the contrary," he answered, "It clears every instant. I only require a few missing links to have an entirely

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Prof. Josh M. A. Long: A friend of mine has just good traits of the late Jefferson Davis, for through your institution and reposit that the sanitary arrangements are execrable and that many of the old fellows are in a precarious state of health. As my friend Mr. Carnegie says the habit of dying rich has a tens to make one's hairs grow after demis-I beg of you to draw on me for a Hb rary in which the old jokes may re-

> ever invented. "Why did the chicker cross the street? Because she w

Prof. Josh M. A. Long: This is an old joke, which I have kept

Prof. Josh M. A. Long: I heartily agree with you regarding the releasing of the old jokes from the home, and as a member of the S. P. C. H. I attach my vote as you will see. I trust that the good work on our side will

continue, and that in the end we will be rewarded by having the old jokes rewarded by having the old jokes peace will be restored. Yours vary trub.

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R. B. B.

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